



## NEWS



## Rush Opening New Simulation Center

A new Rush Center for Clinical Skills and Simulation will triple the number of trainees who can receive critical simulation training at any one time.

Opening this fall, seven new training environments will approximate real-world patient care settings. There, trainees will perform procedures on lifelike patient simulators. With philanthropic support, a second phase of construction planned for the coming years will build out space for a standardized patient program, in which trainees will practice diagnoses and communication with live actors. Phase II construction will also include a wet laboratory for practicing skills like central line insertions and surgical stitches.

Philanthropic support is critical to bringing this vision for the center to life. The Sheba Foundation will match, dollar for dollar, every gift the center receives, up to \$1 million. To learn more, contact Ross Crampton at (312) 942-7165.



W. Ian Lipkin, MD '78

## W. Ian Lipkin, MD '78: Microbe Hunter

Honored at reunion in October, Rush Medical College's 2013 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient has devoted more than three decades to pathogen discovery — charting the microbial world and developing new tools for addressing the challenges of infectious disease. **W. Ian Lipkin, MD '78**, is the John Snow Professor of Epidemiology, professor of neurology and pathology, and director of the Center for Infection and Immunity at Columbia University. He credits his Rush education with helping him develop the holistic systems-biology approach that he continues to use when solving complex public health and medicine problems. "All medical

schools provide the training needed for licensure," Lipkin said. "Rush does more. It teaches you how to learn."

## Rush Medical College Shows Gratitude to Loyal Donors

The Benjamin Rush Society honors donors of \$1,000 or more to Rush Medical College and graduate medical education. This year, Rush introduced additional tiers at the \$2,500, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$25,000 levels to enhance recognition of contributors at these levels. Every BRS member is also recognized through membership in the Anchor Cross Society, Rush's leadership annual giving society. The ongoing annual giving of BRS members provides vital philanthropic support of college initiatives, including student research and educational opportunities like the Rush Center for Clinical Skills and Simulation. *Learn more online at [www.rmc.rushalumni.org/brs](http://www.rmc.rushalumni.org/brs).*

## Is Your Family Member Applying to Rush?

If your family member is applying to Rush Medical College within the next year, please contact Maeve Riley in the Office of Alumni Relations at [maeve\\_s\\_riley@rush.edu](mailto:maeve_s_riley@rush.edu) or (312) 942-2569 before he or she applies for more information on legacy applications.

## CLASS NOTES

(NOTE: "GME" indicates house staff alumni status.)

For a more extensive listing of classmates' news and updates, see our website at [www.rmc.rushalumni.org/classnotes](http://www.rmc.rushalumni.org/classnotes).

**Stephen Gitelis, MD '75, GME**, has been named associate dean of surgical services for Rush Medical College and associate chief medical officer for surgery at Rush.

**Stephen Korbet, MD '79, GME**, a nephrologist at Rush, has been named a master in the American College of Physicians. He is one of only five Rush faculty members who have received this honor.

In February, **Julie Freischlag, MD '80**, became the new vice chancellor for human health sciences at the University of California, Davis, and dean of the UC Davis School of Medicine.

**Barbara Loeb, MD '80, GME**, is vice president of primary care services and chief medical officer at Presence Health Partners, based in Chicago.

Cardiologist **Sushil Karmarkar, MD '84**, was recently honored with the Permanente Medical Group's 2014 Cecil Cutting Leadership Award. The award recognizes the achievements of physicians who have distinguished themselves as leaders within the Medical Group.

**Stephen Ondra, MD '84**, has joined the Chicago-based health insurer Health Care Service Corporation — the nation's fourth-largest health insurer — as its senior vice president and chief medical officer.

**John Jay Shannon, MD '86**, of Chicago, has been named interim CEO of the Cook County Health and Hospitals System.

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## UPCOMING RMCAA EVENTS

For more information or to RSVP to any of the events listed below, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (312) 942-7199 or [alumni@rush.edu](mailto:alumni@rush.edu).

## Eighth Annual Rush University Golf Outing

Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2014  
Silver Lake Country Club  
Orland Park, Illinois

## Benjamin Rush Society Annual Reception

Friday, Nov. 14, 2014  
Edward A. Brennan Entry Pavilion  
Rush University Medical Center

## Rush Medical College Reunion

Friday, Oct. 2, and Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015  
Chicago

RMC alumni whose class years end in four, five, nine or zero: plans are under way for your RMC Reunion. The two-day celebration will include class receptions, a tour of Rush's Tower hospital and soon-to-open Rush Center for Clinical Skills and Simulation, lunch with students and an all-class banquet.

"The students were the most extraordinary aspect of the weekend," said **Tony Kotin, MD '77, GME**, of his experience at Reunion 2013. There, Kotin started his two-year term as president of the Rush Medical College Alumni Association. "It's really exciting to come see how impressive Rush's campus is now and meet some of the world-class students Rush is attracting as a result."

**Find your reunion moment in 2015.**

## To All Former Residents and Fellows

If you completed your residency or fellowship at Rush, you are likely receiving more communications from the Rush Medical College Alumni Association (RMCAA), including this publication. Graduate medical education (GME) alumni are a vital part of the Rush community and members of the RMCAA. We hope to keep all GME alumni informed about the college and Medical Center and keep you engaged with news from the alumni association.

## Find CME Listings and Clinical Trials Online

To learn about upcoming continuing medical education opportunities or open clinical trials at Rush, see the email version of *Rush MD*. If you aren't receiving the email version, please update your email address with the Office of Alumni Relations at [alumni@rush.edu](mailto:alumni@rush.edu).

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CLASS NOTES, continued

**Bhaswati Bhattacharya, MD '98, MPH**, director at the DINacharya Institute, has received a Fulbright U.S. Scholar grant to lecture and conduct research in Ayurveda, a form of holistic medicine that originated in India. For the 2013 - 2014 academic year, Bhattacharya is based at Banaras Hindu University in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, India.

**Jason Kane, MD '99**, an assistant professor of pediatrics at Rush, is the principal investigator at Rush Children's Hospital for the international Sepsis Prevalence, Outcomes and Therapies (SPROUT) study.

In November, **Elizabeth Marsh, MD '09**, joined Erie Family Health Center in Chicago, where she helped the center expand into prenatal care services. She also provides ob-gyn care and family planning services.

House Staff

**Charles Bush-Joseph, MD, GME**, a surgeon and sports medicine physician at Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush, has received a Special Recognition Award from the Illinois Athletic Trainers Association. Bush-Joseph is the head team physician for the Chicago White Sox and an associate team physician for the Chicago Bulls.

**Richard Byrne, MD, GME**, chairperson of the Department of Neurosurgery at Rush, is the first holder of the Roger C. Bone, MD, Presidential Chair of Rush University.

This January, surgeon **Edward J. Donahue, MD, GME**, was named chief medical officer of St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Phoenix.

In March 2014, **Joshua Jacobs, MD, GME**, chairperson of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at Rush, completed a one-year term as the 81st president of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and assumed duties of the immediate past president.

**E. Mike Vasilomanolakis, MD, GME**, is an interventional cardiologist in Long Beach, Calif. Named five consecutive times to *Los Angeles* magazine's "Super Doctor" list, Vasilomanolakis is chief of staff and director of cardiology at Community Hospital Long Beach. He is also the executive producer for New Age music artist Omar Akram. The duo received a Grammy Award for Best New Age Album in February 2013.

IN MEMORIAM

**Marvin Calmenson, MD '38**, of Sherman Oaks, Calif.; Jan. 12, 2013

**Tetsui Watanabe, MD '38**, of Honolulu; Dec. 18, 2012

**James W. Chambers, MD '39**, of Des Moines, Iowa; March 26, 2011

**Gene Farthing, MD '40**, of Springfield, Mo.; Dec. 9, 2012

**Martin J. Cook, MD '41**, of Springfield, Ohio; June 2, 2012

**Robert E. Kirkman, MD '42**, of Key Biscayne, Fla.; June 12, 2013

**Thomas J. Braniff, MD '78**, of Westchester, Ill.; March 9, 2014

**Frank A. Hoffman, MD '78**, of Clifton, N.J.; Aug. 5, 2013

**John P. Quinn, MD '78**, of Chicago; Oct. 1, 2013

**Mark Laughlin, MD '83**, of Litchfield, Ill.; June 11, 2013

**Michael Eustis, MD '84**, of Eugene, Ore.; Oct. 1, 2012

**Douglas L. Johnson, MD '86**, of Glen Ellyn, Ill.; May 29, 2013

**Faith Stahl-Sarfarazi, MD '87**, of Ocala, Fla; Feb. 26, 2014

**Mark Kevin Reinke, MD '92**, of De Pere, Wis.; Dec. 25, 2013

**C. Todd Stewart, MD '96, GME**, of Marshfield, Wis.; July 1, 2013

**Victor Tsirline, MD '04**, of Lincolnshire, Ill.; Nov. 23, 2013

**Elyse Hammer, MD '05**, of Los Angeles; Dec. 3, 2013

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**John Charters, GME**, of Hinsdale, Ill.; Nov. 9, 2013

**W. Craig Thatcher, GME**, of St. Charles, Ill.; Feb. 26, 2013

Former Faculty

**Gertrude M. Novak, MD**, of Chicago; May 21, 2013

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